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# Readers Say—

## The Eisenhower Policy in the Middle East

*To the Editor:*

I was much interested in your editorial on the "Middle East Debacle," in which you wonder what is the state of mind of President Eisenhower that he acts as he does.

Let me comment by first stating what I believe are some facts in the situation. (1) The Middle East oil and the Suez Canal are under the *de facto* physical control of Arab nations. (2) Western Europe is dependent on this oil and this canal for almost the continuing existence of their industry and life. (3) These Arab nations are currently surging along on a wave of nationalism and anti-colonial-Europe feeling. (4) This feeling is mostly also a Moslem or anti-foreign-religion sentiment.

From these facts some conclusions seem to me to follow: (1) The Arab nations have Western Europe by the throat. (2) It is to the interest of the United States to keep Western Europe strong and free. (3) Russia's interest is the opposite. (4) Western Europe can get the Middle East oil and the use of the canal either with the consent of the Arab nations or without it. (5) If they try to get these necessities without Arab consent, that is, by force, they will find both the canal and the oil fields sabotaged to such an extent as will make them almost useless, or it will require the use of large armed forces to guard and operate them. (6) Such action would almost certainly bring in Russian intervention. (7) Such action would certainly lose the good will of all Asia, Africa, perhaps of South America. (8) There seems to be left only a policy which will secure the voluntary co-operation of the Arab nations.

If you have a method of securing the security and safety of Western Europe which does not involve the dangers I have pointed out above, I am sure President Eisenhower would be delighted to know of it. Will you give it to him at your earliest convenience? And might we readers of *Action* know what your specific program is? I am sure that we are all concerned in this perplexing situation where you evidently feel that a good decision remains to be taken, but I wonder whether we have not by previous mistaken decisions rendered impossible any future good one.

L. A. KING

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: We are glad to give to our readers this excellent apologetic for the USA policy in the Middle East. We must admit that we do not have a politico-economic policy to suggest. Our chief concern is the preservation and perpetuation of the Christian witness in the world. It is not in our province to create or implement governmental policy, but we can evaluate it in the light of Christian standards. We have seen little evidence that our Christian diplomats in Washington have used their political ingenuity in behalf of their own Christian faith or their Christian brothers in the Middle East. Instead they are boldly championing every enemy of Christianity there for the sake of purely materialistic ends. By no Christian standard is this good and we intend to keep saying so.]

**FRONT PAGE PHOTO.—In spring the wintry earth throws off it drabness and fair vernal flowers bring forth its ancient gladness. It is as though all nature would employ her "voiceless, fragrant breath" in praise of the risen Saviour and Lord.** *—RNS Photo.*

## "Reds" and Race

*To the Editor:*

The 1957 announcement by Communist leaders that they now plan to penetrate race organizations indicates the necessity of people on both sides of the current race controversy knowing the facts.

The Communist Party entered the race controversy in the United States in 1922. It has exploited the race situation to its utmost. The new announcements are regarded as public instruction to pro-Communists and Communist sympathizers, dupes, and fellow travelers.

The man with the longest Communist-front enterprise activity record in the United States is a patron saint and co-founder of a national race organization. He has a record of just slightly less than 500 public incidents of pro-Communist-front enterprise activity. The ten leaders of the same race organization with the most pro-Communist-front enterprise activities have a composite total of more than 400 such incidents, or an average of forty each.

Race organizations have so long been a target for both organizational and ideological penetration that it behooves any individual who takes public part in a race activity or organization to learn from component Governmental investigating committees and/or Congressmen the Communist-front enterprise activity records of individuals or organizations in the race field whose announced program has an alluring appeal.

Not all race organization actionists have Communist-front enterprise activity records; but the per cent and depth of participation in these activities by leadership individuals makes it advisable for caution and investigation to precede participation or action. Sincere, objective and honest interest in race matters is desirable.

Race agitation by the Communists in the United States is thirty-five years old. Only some of the tactics, names and faces are new.

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*Alcoholism is the No. 1 threat to the social well-being of America*

# BEVERAGE ALCOHOL SCOURGE of the AGES

By C. AUBREY HEARN

THROUGH THE AGES beverage alcohol has been a scourge, a curse, an enemy of mankind. Gladstone said, "The ravages of drink are greater than those of war, pestilence, and famine combined." Burke declared that the scourges of modern civilization are venereal disease, cancer, tuberculosis, and alcoholism. Thomas Jefferson called Napoleon the greatest of the destroyers of the human race. He was wrong. Napoleon's career as a destroyer was fairly brief in the long span of history. The destructiveness of alcohol continues unabated.

That beverage alcohol is often unrecognized as a scourge is due to social custom which popularizes drinking, to drinking propaganda which is attractively designed, highly financed, and cleverly deceptive, and to widespread ignorance concerning the true nature of alcoholic beverages.

That alcohol when consumed as a beverage is today more than ever a scourge is borne out by many incontrovertible facts.

## 1. The liquor traffic wastes untold human and material resources.

In 1955 the people of the United States spent $10,090,000,000 for alcoholic beverages. This was $1,151,826 an hour for every hour of the year.

One edition of a San Francisco newspaper reported the death by burning of five children while their parents were at a tavern, and of two children who died in a fire set by their father who in an alcoholic daze dropped a cigarette on the couch.

Dr. E. M. Jellinek estimates that alcoholism costs the United States $3,000,000,000 a year. "In waste of human life, of happiness, in disruption of the family and society, in economic values, we have a challenge to face and master before it masters us," he declared.

Solomon said, "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty" (Prov. 23:21). All drinking leads to deterioration of human and material resources.

## 2. Liquor-bred accidents leave our highways strewn with blood.

In 1955 there were approximately 38,500 deaths on the highways of the United States, an average of 105 per day. Over 1,350,000 people were injured. The total economic loss from these accidents was estimated by the National Safety Council to be $4,400,000,000. The carnage on America's highways goes relentlessly on despite efforts to reduce the number of accidents.

All traffic experts admit that alcohol is responsible for a large number of these accidents. Estimates vary as to the percentage of accidents due to drinking. The National Safety Council says that in twenty-five per cent of the accidents involving a fatality, a driver or a pedestrian has been drinking.

Often when liquor figures in an accident it is the sober ones who die. *The Saturday Evening Post* reports a typical case. The drunken driver of a twenty-ton truck was weaving all over the road. Driving at a high speed, he collided with a light pickup truck containing a father, his son, and two nephews on a fishing trip. The father and one of the boys were killed, and the other two boys were badly injured. The truck driver was convicted of reckless homicide, lost his license for a year, paid a $400 fine, and drew a one-to-five-year prison sentence which was considerably suspended.

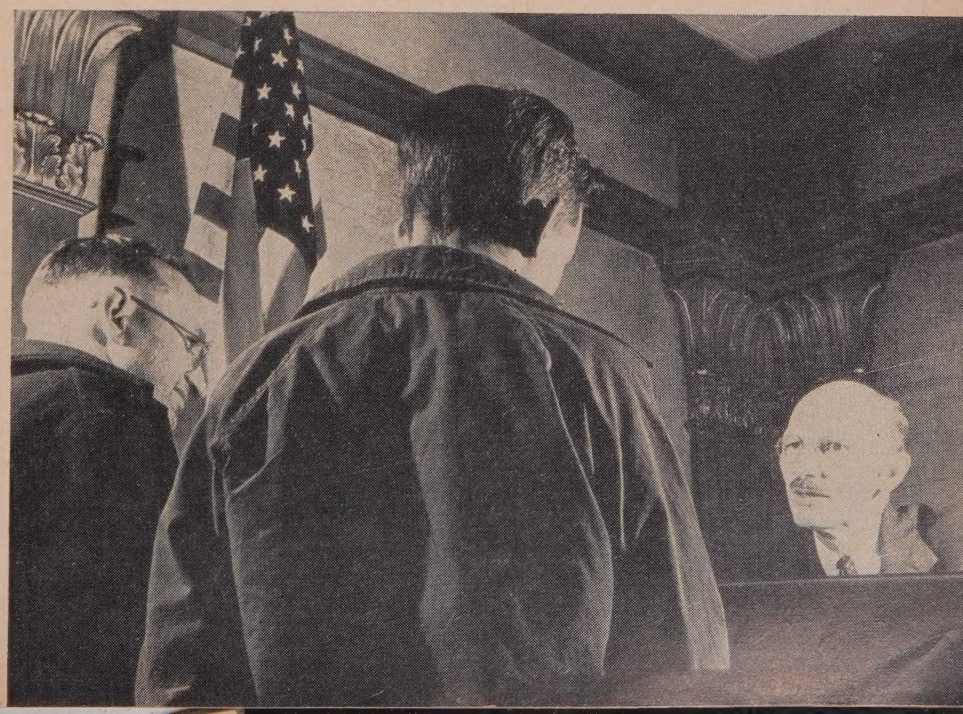
The lives of all of our citizens are endangered as long as the unholy alliance between drinking and driving continues.

## 3. Liquor masquerades under false colors.

Liquor advertisements are notable for their untruthfulness. Fabulous sums are spent to delude, to deceive, and to degrade. These highly colored, attractively designed advertisements try to make liquor drinking appear glamorous. Such advertisements do not show the ill health, the injury to home life, the deaths due to alcohol-caused highway accidents, the great waste of money, and the misery caused by the drinking of alcoholic beverages. The liquor ads invariably show well dressed, attractive people in elegant or comfortable surroundings. The Skid Rows, the Bowerys, the flop houses, the "Lost Week Ends," and the dead-end drinkers are purposely omitted from the liquor advertisments.

Francis T. Chambers, Jr., in *The*

**Liquor is an accomplice of crime.**



*Ladies Home Journal,* said: "One never saw a liquor advertisement with a well-dressed man being carried out of his club, feet foremost."

Liquor advertisements must be unmasked, their hypocrisy recognized, and the true nature of alcohol as a scourge of mankind revealed.

### 5. Alcoholism is public health problem number one.

It has been estimated by competent authorities that there are now over 4,589,00 alcoholics in the United States. Dr. D. P. Rotman affirms that "any statistical statement concerning the size of the problem of alcoholism cannot help but be an understatement." Dr. Bleuler declared: "There is no other avoidable disease that brings so much misery to civilized people."

Who but an alcoholic can describe the torture that an alcoholic addict experiences? John B. Gough tells in his autobiography how helpless he was: "I was now the slave of a habit which had become completely my master, and which had fastened its remorseless fangs in my very vitals." He often contemplated suicide. Writing of the degraded state into which he had fallen, he says: "Wan cheeks and hollow eyes, feeble limbs and almost powerless hands, plainly enough indicated that between me and death there had been but a step; and those who passed me might say as was said of Dante, when he passed through the streets of Florence: 'There's the man that has been in hell.'"

Alcoholism is now considered America's number one public health problem not being systematically attacked.

### 6. Liquor is an accomplice of crime.

Judge Joseph T. Zottoli, of Boston, made an exhaustive study of the relation between alcoholism and crime in Massachusetts. He concluded that ninety per cent of the adult population in prisons in Massachusetts to which prisoners are sent for misdemeanors are there because of offenses caused by drunkenness, and that about fifty per cent of persons receiving sentences to felony institutions committed offenses related to drinking.

Federal Judge E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, North Carolina, said: "About seventy-five per cent of the criminal cases tried in my court have involved liquor. Liquor is our country's Enemy Number One—the devil's best friend, and God's worst enemy."

Dr. Auguste Forel, of Switzerland, declared: "In all countries where the alcoholic habit reigns, it accounts for from half to three quarters of the crimes, a great share of suicides, of mental disorders, of deaths, of diseases generally, of poverty, of vulgar depravity, of sexual excesses and venereal diseases, and of dissolution of families."

### 7. Liquor is the handmaiden of prostitution.

Liquor is the cause or active ally of every enemy of society, particularly prostitution. Dr. Robert S. Carroll, who specialized in the treatment of alcoholics, said: "The crime against womanhood, the recruiting of unrecorded millions each year into the ranks of the life of shame, goes on with alcohol the chief aid of the procurer."

Dr. William Healy declared: "The effect of a little wine or beer upon an adolescent girl in breaking down her normal social and moral inhibitions is notorious. The effect is produced by premeditation of companions of both sexes who desire to lower the intended victim's level of behavior. Many well-founded social studies of the connection between drinking in dance halls and saloons, and beginning prostitution are now available."

Again, Dr. Auguste Forel is quoted: "The role of alcohol in prostitution, of which it is the principal support, is not properly realized. In its most brutal and ignoble forms, prostitution would be impossible without it. It is by alcohol orgies that most girls are seduced, and by chronic alcoholism that they are maintained in that state of stupefaction."

### 8. Liquor is a destroyer of government.

The liquor business is lawless and irresponsible. It flaunts control and uses every possible political or pressure device to circumvent the law.

Walter Lippman thus described the liquor sellers: "The effect of any regulation must naturally be to diminish consumption, that is, to reduce sales and therefore profits. Consequently, as long as the liquor industry is conducted for profit there is bound to be a perpetual war between the regulators and sellers for profit."

Dr. Chevalier Jackson tells how a Pennsylvania political boss said to him: "First and most powerful is the beer and liquor group: they dominate Pennsylvania politics. What legislative votes they cannot buy with cash, they can influence with a few complimentary cases of beer or whiskey."

Liquor interests buy votes. They steal elections. They conduct powerful lobbies. Ham Patterson, former governor of Tennessee, declared: "Liquor weakens the administration of justice. It is the polluted stream which mingles with the current of public affairs and poisons all it touches."

### 9. Liquor is an enemy of the home.

Liquor is an insidious enemy of the home. It acts as a hinderer, a disturber, an intruder, a robber, and a demoralizer. It often demands a priority on the home's finances. Children may be denied food, clothing, and medical care that the demands of an alcoholic father or mother be satisfied. Dr. Howard A. Kelly, distinguished physician, testified: "As a citizen, with eyes opened perhaps a little wider because of my medical training, I observe that alcohol has destroyed the happiness and the lives of relatives, friends, and acquaintances; . . . I have seen that it robs homes of peace; it puts a barrier between husband and wife and kills all true parental tenderness, throwing the children back into the world for that moral training a father and mother are alone fitted by nature to give. . . . It is at the bottom of most crime—domestic infelicity, poverty, seductions, murders; it is allied to all that is evil and destructive of the high aims of civilization."

Alcohol is a major factor in separation and divorce. It is the devil's chief agent in home destruction.

### 10. Liquor blights men spiritually.

People who rise up early in the morning to drink and continue drinking until night "regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands" (Isa. 5:12).

Liquor dulls the edge of the soul's perception. It removes the image of God in a man. It separates the drinker from spiritual resources. It obscures his vision of holy things and brings deterioration of religious interests.

Roger Babson believes that the social use of liquor undermines the religious life of homes, churches, and college. "As bad money drives out good money," he declared, "so the social use of liquor drives out family prayers, church attendance, Sunday observance, charities, and kindliness. This, thereby, retards the spiritual forces of life."

Dr. Howard A. Kelly said that the use of alcohol was perhaps the commonest cause of spiritual blindness.

For these ten reasons, alcohol is a scourge, a curse, an enemy of mankind.

Christian forces everywhere should heed the admonition of Dr. W. L. Poteat: "Beverage alcohol is the greatest single enemy of mankind, and some means of limiting its devastation mankind must discover, or suffer a progressive deterioration which will land us once again in the gulf of barbarism."

# A Rewarding Partnership With God

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ONE OF THE WORDS that came to have a real meaning to all of us during the last war was the word "priority." We learned that things most important to the war effort had to be given the right of way over everything else—that they had to come first.

What the world needs most today is for Christians to put first things first. In His sermon on the mount, Jesus said, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness" and He promised that if we will do that all things necessary to our well being will be provided.

When we pause to think about it, the reasons why God *should* have first priority over our lives are very clear and plain:

1. God is certainly entitled to first claim on our time because He *controls* our time. The years we will spend on this earth are in His hands.
2. God should have first claim on our energies and our abilities because He gives us our energies and our talents of varying kinds.
3. It follows very logically that God should have first claim on our money, for the dollars we earn are but the end product of our God given time, energy and ability.

It is not difficult to *recognize* that God is clearly *entitled* to first claim on our lives and what we produce with them but the hard part comes when we try to apply this truth and make it work in the busy world in which we live.

If we are to put God first there must be a portion of each day set aside for the reading of His word and for a vital prayer life. We must never be too busy to respond to calls for service in our churches. We must witness for Him in our businesses and professions —and use our energies and abilities to serve Him in our daily living.

Many of us find it especially difficult to put God first in our money making. God wants us to remember *always* that it is *He* who gives us the time, energy and ability to earn the dollars we receive. He gives us in the Bible a simple, practical plan that we are to adopt as a constant reminder that all of our blessings come from Him. God asks us to set aside the first *tenth* of our income or profits— the scriptural tithe— to dedicate that tenth to His glory and use it for His work on earth.

It is interesting to note that when God first organized the Jewish people into a nation he gave them the law of the tithe in these words: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, *is* the Lord's."

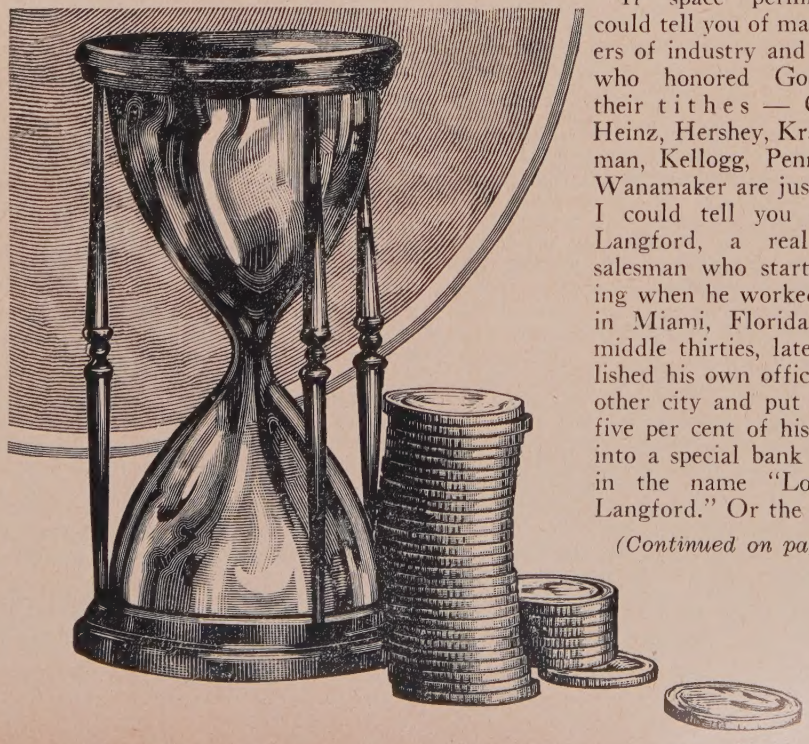
Note that God did not say, "The tithe should be *given* to the Lord." He said, "The tithe *is* the Lord's." It belongs to God. And centuries later in accusing the people of failing to keep this law, God didn't say—"You have not been liberal enough"—or "You haven't done your duty on this matter of living." God said, "Ye have *robbed* me in tithes and offerings."

Our Lord endorsed tithing when He was here on earth. The early Christian church considered it the duty of every Christian to tithe. And the early believers must have considered tithing not only a duty but also a high privilege for history records that St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, once *punished* the people in his congregation by *forbidding* them to bring their tithes and offerings until the ban was lifted.

There are some Christians today who conscientiously believe that the law of the tithe was binding only upon Old Testament believers. I do not hold this view but to me the legal angle is unimportant—especially if we substitute this question: "Should not our love for God, our gratitude to Him for the salvation we have through His Son and our appreciation for all the other blessings that He provides so bountifully, prompt *us* to give as much as the Old Testament believer was *commanded* to give under the law?" If we answer this question honestly, surely we must all agree that the tithe is the *minimum* which we as Christians should use for God's honor and glory.

God *usually* blesses financially when we share our incomes liberally with Him. We read in Malachi, "Bring ye the whole tithe into my storehouse and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, —if I will not pour you out a blessing, there shall not be room enough to receive it." In twenty years of speaking on tithing I have yet to meet a tither who was faithful in giving God His tenth who did not receive a real blessing. Even though the income does not increase God seems to make the nine-tenths go further than the ten-tenths did before.

An automobile dealer in Tennessee said to me, "I have learned that by forming a partnership with Christ and paying more attention to spiritual things and less to material things everything works out much better. I am much better off financially now than I was before I started tithing but even if I had less money I would continue to tithe, for it has been the source of my happiest Christian experience. I have learned that being a partner with Christ and having the privilege of handling a small portion of His business is worth more than all the world has to offer."



If space permitted I could tell you of many leaders of industry and finance who honored God with their tithes — Colgate, Heinz, Hershey, Kraft, Jarman, Kellogg, Penney and Wanamaker are just a few. I could tell you of Coy Langford, a real estate salesman who started tithing when he worked for us in Miami, Florida in the middle thirties, later established his own office in another city and put twenty-five per cent of his income into a special bank account in the name "Lord and Langford." Or the story of

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## Post Exchange Privileges

The House Armed Services Committee has asked the Defense Department for a report on H.R. 872 which would allow missionaries to trade at armed services commissaries outside the United States. This bill would also permit missionaries to make purchases at the "ship's stores" operated by the State Department.

The bill is almost certain to get an adverse report from the Defense Department on the grounds that it would conflict with the duty — exemption agreements which the U.S. has with certain countries where American troops are stationed. Defense Department officials point out that present regulations make it possible for area commanders to extend the privileges to missionaries wherever it is possible.

The bill was introduced in Congress on January 3 and was sponsored by Congressman Phillip J. Philbin, of Massachusetts. A similar bill had been introduced about two weeks prior to the adjournment of the previous Congress, but there was no time for a report from the Defense and State Departments. The legislation would affect many American missionaries working in various locations outside the United States. It would apply to all American citizens working under American mission boards, as well as missionaries of American citizenship working under a church mission board with headquarters outside the United States.

Spokesmen for the Defense Department have indicated that this legislation may run into serious difficulties in a number of countries because of the fact that the post exchanges are given special exemptions from tariffs and duties, which would not otherwise be available to missionaries.

Question had also arisen as to whether or not the adoption of this legislation would mean that the government would assume expenses which would otherwise be the responsibility of the churches or mission boards and the missionaries individually. This being the case, the bill would clash with the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. However, the Defense Department indicates that the post exchanges operate on an overall self-sustaining basis, so that the addition of other personnel to make purchases through the exchanges would not involve any drain-off of the federal treasury.

Thus it appears that H.R. 872 has little chance of being enacted into law, for the present at least. In the meantime missionary representatives will undoubtedly be checking on the possibility that the commissary privileges could be extended to them under the present regulations.

## Missions in Bolivia

Missionaries in Bolivia are facing tremendous financial difficulties as a result of policies recently adopted by the Bolivian government, according to reports reaching Washington. One mission reports that missionaries have had to stop buying some essential items because "it is altogether impossible to pay the fantastic prices."

On December 17, 1956 the Bolivian government, with U. S. support, established one official exchange rate. There had previously been two official rates of exchange, plus a free market or

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black market rate. While one rate was as high as 13,000 bolivianos to the dollar, certain exports were traded at rates as low as 190 bolivianos to the dollar. Under the new rate the American dollar brings about 7,500 bolivianos.

As soon as the new policy was adopted prices shot up. Gasoline went from twenty cents a gallon to a dollar, according to one missionary representative. Canned goods, bread and meat also went up in price. There is indication that bread and meat are getting back toward a normal price level.

USA government officials explained that the new policy is a move toward financial stabilization in Bolivia which "had to come." Of necessity it "started off with a jolt," but there are indications that the prices which at first skyrocketed will return to more reasonable levels.

The new move includes credit controls and budgetary severity on the part of the government. Previously Bolivia had resorted to the printing of more money as the answer to her economic difficulties. Government officials discussing the matter have made it clear that Bolivia "is not yet out of the woods," but have indicated a general feeling that the Bolivian economy has chosen the right trail.

## Intoxication Test Upheld

The Supreme Court handed down another decision on February 25, whereby it sustained evidence of intoxication which was based on a blood test taken while the defendant had been unconscious. It was a 6-3 decision.

The opinion of the Court, written by Justice Tom Clark, made rather extensive mention of intoxication as "one of the great causes of the mortal hazards of the road." The Court also noted that "the increasing slaughter on our highways, most of which should be avoidable, now reaches the astounding figures only heard of on the battlefield."

Dissenting opinion by three members of the court also took note of the highway problem but indicated a feeling that the constitutional rights of the defendant should be more carefully guarded on the grounds of a previous case where narcotics pills had been forcefully taken from a known narcotics law violater by means of a stomach pump. In that case the Court had ruled that evidence obtained in such a forcible manner was inadmissible.

The majority opinion noted the argument based on this previous case and admitted that it is "not so easily unhorsed." However, the Court maintained that there is nothing "brutal" or "offensive" in the taking of a sample of blood, under the protective eye of a physician. They ruled that such action, even while the defendant was unconscious, is in accord with a community recognition of "decency and fairness."

## New York Upholds "God"

A justice of the New York State Supreme Court recently upheld the words "under God" which were recently inserted in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The pledge is now recited in the public schools in the state of New York through the action of the State Education Commission. Justice Isador Bookstein dismissed a petition which was filed by two members of the Freethinkers of America.

The petitioners had argued that the inclusion of the words "under God" in the pledge as recited in the classroom was a violation of the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution. Justice Bookstein maintained that the "petitioners' right to disbelieve is guaranteed by the First Amendment" but that it does not afford them "preference over those who do believe in God and who, in pledging their allegiance, choose to express that belief."

The judge asserted that a child may choose to omit the two words and that such action would not cause the child to be set apart from his fellows or bring pressure on him in any real sense. He noted that the regulation which was under attack has "no compulsory aspect."

"The pledge is made voluntarily and no penalties are imposed for non-compliance," the judge said.

## Obscene Literature Laws

The Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision handed down on February 25, ruled out the validity of a Michigan law against obscene literature. Justice Felix Frankfurter delivering the opinion of the Court said, "this is to burn the house to roast the pig."

The Michigan statute made it an offense to publish or distribute materials "manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth." In the test case the book in question had been sold to a police officer, not to a minor. The State court had upheld the statute and had maintained that the law had been violated because the book was sold in a place where it was easily available to minors.

The Supreme Court noted that Michigan has another statute which applies only to cases where obscene literature is sold directly to minors. No minor child was directly involved in the test case where the broader law was stricken by the Supreme Court.

## Jews Go Home

Israel expects more than 70,000 new immigrants during 1957. In the year just ended 55,000 Jews from all over the world arrived in Israel to make a new start in life. This was 10,000 more than were expected. The added influx of immigrants in 1956 was caused by the unrest in Morocco and Algeria, by the revolution in Hungary, and by the Israeli attack against Egypt. A major part of the large number expected in 1957 will come from these same disturbed areas.

# Action Editorial

*James DeForest Murch*

## Crucifying the Flesh

■ WE HEAR MUCH in these Lenten days about fasting and other denials of the flesh. All too many evangelicals are inclined to criticize the penitential rituals involved and to overlook the values of crucifying the flesh.

The Apostle Paul was an ardent advocate of spiritual exercises to gain the victory over the outer man. He linked the flesh with the world and the devil. That sinister trinity in its full flower produced "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like." And the writer of the epistles added, "They which do such things cannot enter the kingdom of God."

The chief trouble with our modern world is *too much flesh!* The magazines, the movies and the television cater to the lust of the eye. The schools teach that man is an animal with a beast ancestry and that his feelings and actions are the result of glandular activity. Billions are spent on the gratification of fleshly desires. Every conceivable device is invented to minister to our bodily comfort. Day by day in every way the flesh dominates and motivates the modern man.

We need to cry out in the words of the Apostle, "O wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" and realize the answer, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God . . . But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

"Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Before we criticize others for their peculiar acts of self-denial during Lent, let us ask ourselves whether we can measure up to Paul's standard. If Christians could thus exemplify Christ their lives would be changed and transformed and the world would again marvel at the strangely superior character of the followers of the God-man of Calvary.

## Protestants Back Down

■ CHICAGO'S much-publicized "Action Committee for Freedom of Religious Expression" has backed down in its determination to secure a public hearing on WGN-TV's suppression of the film "Martin Luther" (*Action*, January 15 and successive issues).

Chairman John W. Harms, who is also executive vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, says a FCC hearing is "no longer necessary" since the committee's "immediate goal" has been achieved in the showing of the film on WBKB-TV.

Chicago evangelicals have dissented. In a formal statement they said, "We feel that the issue in question is not merely whether or not the film is shown on TV (although this is important) but whether a medium of public information may submit freely to sectarian censorship without censure from the public agency to which is entrusted the responsibility to see that it operates in the public interest." The evangelicals will continue to cooperate with the committee, but desire their dissent to be made a matter of record.

We believe it is pertinent to the situation to inquire whether it is possible to trust the National Council type of leadership in dealing with issues involving the Roman Catholic hierarchy. There is increasing disposition on the part of such leadership to collaborate with Romanists and to use Romanist super church tactics in their own strategies.

It must be remembered that the NCC is no longer a strictly Protestant organization. What may evangelicals expect from alliances such as that entered into in Chicago? How far can we go without compromising our own clear testimony?

We commend our Chicago brethren on their action. Possibly it will put a bit of stiffening into the backbone of the "Action Committee" for future use.

## Presbyterian Action

■ ONE OF THE MOST significant recent developments within the framework of the National Council of Churches is the action of a group of laymen in the Southern Presbyterian denomination calling for its withdrawal from the Council.

The action is in the nature of an official Minority Report of the Assembly's Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations which will be presented to the next General Assembly.

These laymen assert that "a handful of extreme liberals are using the Council to promote through the churches their socialistic ideas and programs." They point out "three basic errors" which "lie at the roots of the Council's teaching and activities and threaten the very foundations of our Church and State, namely:

"1. Its unscriptural political activity that violates the separation of Church and State.

"2. Its unscriptural social principle that undermines our social and national peace and safety.

"3. Its un-American economic program that threatens our system of free enterprise."

In a lengthy report these propositions are factually developed and it is boldly asserted that "the continued membership of our Church in the National Council is one of the greatest hindrances of harmony and concord that exists throughout our Church." Then follows the recommendation to the Assembly for withdrawal.

It is interesting to note that in an editorial by Dr. L. Nelson Bell in the March 13 issue of the *Southern Presbyterian Journal* the Minority Report is strongly endorsed. Says Dr. Bell:

> For a number of years the plea has been to stay in the Council and bring our corrective denominational pressure from within. There is little to indicate that this has been effective. In fact, as now organized and led there does not seem to be even a remote chance of a change for the better.
>
> For the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to withdraw at this juncture could do great good. This should be done with a clear statement that we recognize the place for the need of an organization which can speak on matters of common interest to Protestantism. It should also be made with the expressed willingness to participate in an organization acting within prescribed limits . . . .
>
> These suggestions are in no sense destructive; they are realistic and they are constructive.

We pray for God's guidance of these Presbyterian laymen in their courageous adventure for Christian faith and freedom.

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## united action

### NAE Speaks on Religion And the Public Schools

WHEATON, Ill. — Public schools ought to provide the young with an atmosphere of friendliness to God according to a statement on religious instruction in public schools released by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The statement read: "We believe firmly in the separation of church and state, but hold that this by no means implies an espousal of secularism and of practical atheism through the exclusion from our public schools of all reference to God, who is the supreme object of all learning and wisdom, and of all reference to His laws, which must be the basis of true prosperity for men and for nations. This two-fold principle we believe makes imperative the following rules of procedure:

"1. While our schools are not free to propound the tenets of a given sect or denomination, yet they should by all means provide the young with an atmosphere of friendliness to and acceptance of the concept of the existence of God, man's responsibility to God and to fellowmen, and of the benefits accruing to our society through all agencies promoting godliness.

"2. In keeping with this, the public schools should encourage the daily reading to the children of a portion of the Bible without exposition, and the praying of the Lord's prayer.

"3. The public schools should grant upon equal terms to all religious groups desiring it, and subject to the permission of the parents of the children participating, the right of gathering their children during a period of time released from the school day, for the purpose of religious instruction under the respective auspices of these religious groups.

"4. The foregoing should not be so interpreted as to abridge or qualify the right of religious groups to establish and to maintain at their own cost and subject to equivalent standards of scholarship, schools in addition to the public schools for the training of their children in the branches of learning in harmony with the religious beliefs of such groups."

## education

### Missionary Literature Workshop Set for Moody

CHICAGO.—A missionary literature workshop will be held at Moody Bible Institute, June 17 to July 5, for missionaries and prospective missionaries who are interested in gospel literature work abroad.

This three-week summer school workshop is planned primarily to help in writing, publishing and marketing gospel literature on the foreign field. Classes and clinics will answer the problems of those already at work in the field. Contact with experts and reports of what is being done will serve to guide those going into literature work.

Ken Taylor, director of Moody Literature Mission and board chairman of Evangelical Literature Overseas, and Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life*, will head the faculty.

### Moody's Graduates Make Record Gifts

CHICAGO—Alumni of Moody Bible Institute here contributed a record $200,857.84 to the school in 1956, according to Rev. Harold DeVries, treasurer of the alumni association.

This amount, Mr. DeVries reported, represents an increase of $179,732 over the 1955 total alumni gift. He said the 1957 goal for alumni giving is $225,000.

### Wheaton Conference on "Eschatology for Today"

WHEATON, Ill.—Wheaton College will host the Seventh Annual Theological conference Friday, May 3 with "Eschatology for Today" as its theme. It is sponsored by the Wheaton College graduate school, with Dr. Neil Winegarden, professor of practical theology, in charge of arrangements.

Speakers for the event include Dr. Howard Ferrin, president, Providence-Barrington Bible college, Rhode Island; Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the Wheaton graduate school, and Dr. Frank Neuberg, professor of Old Testament, Dr. Earl Cairns, professor of church history, and Dr. Mary LeBar, professor of Christian education, of the Wheaton college faculty. Each will apply the "Significance of Eschatology" to the pulpit, in the Bible, in church history, and for the classroom, respectively. Dr. Ferrin will address the Fellowship dinner on "Eschatology for Today."

### College Sponsors Meet For Church Workers

JOPLIN, Mo.—The Twelfth Annual Preaching and Teaching Convention sponsored by Ozark Bible College here had a total registered attendance of 1,003, coming from approximately 150 Christian churches in fifteen states.

The theme, "The Whole Church at the Whole Task," was developed in sermons, addresses, and classes in church work methods. A total of thirty people participated in the program. Among those who were heard in more than one address were Myron J. Taylor, Hollins Duhon, and Lee Carter Maynard.

## sunday school

### Expansion for "World's Largest Sunday School"

AKRON, O.—A $400,000 building program to begin shortly at the Baptist Temple here will add 3,000 to the capacity of "the world's largest Sunday school" which currently has an average attendance of about 7,000.

The new four-story structure, almost identical to another wing of the huge church, should be completed by Easter, 1958. It will be connected to the main building by breezeways and bridgeways and contain 100 classrooms with a seating capacity of 22 to 25 each.

Four assembly halls in the building will bring the total of assembly areas in the Baptist Temple's group of buildings to 13. The smallest of these will comfortably seat 500. The largest, the main auditorium, seats about 5,000.

After the new structure is completed some 25,000 persons could be adequately seated for a single service—all tuned in on the worship program through a public address system.

To care for the huge Baptist Temple congregation of more than 15,000, the church now has four pastors, seven secretaries, a minister of visitation, 20 part time workers and three custodians.

The congregation was started in April, 1935, when less than 20 persons met in a grade school classroom. Their Sunday offering totaled $1.18. Last year, offering totaled $553,000, an average of more than $10,000 a Sunday.

At about the same time the new

wing is going up, Baptist Temple will finance construction of two new churches, one in Lima, O., and the other in Youngstown, O. Each will cost about $70,000.

The Baptist Temple has helped finance and sponsor some 135 churches throughout the United States during its 22-year history.

### Washington School Wins In Attendance Contest

CHICAGO.—More than 100 Sunday schools from Djakarta, Indonesia, to Brooklyn, New York, won honors in the Eighth International Sunday School Attendance Contest, sponsored by *Christian Life* magazine this year.

Grand prize winner was the First Presbyterian church, Bremerton, Washington, according to Editor Robert Walker. Despite the fact that city population has decreased 60 per cent since World War II, the Bremerton Sunday school has made continuous gains, climaxing with its Sunday school contest effort. As a result, the church will receive a 48-passenger Blue Bird Sunday school bus as well as other prizes and the pastor, Rev. Wilbur Scafe, will receive a Winona Lake School of Theology Flying Seminar all-expense tour to the Holy Land.

Editor Walker also announced: "The total aggregate attendance increase for Sunday schools in the contest was nearly 170,000 pupils. This brings the total for the eight contests to more than a million and a quarter pupils gained." Walker believes that this contest was the greatest Sunday school contest in history. Many of the participating Sunday schools reported attendance gains of more than 200 per cent. One school recorded an increase of 1,649%.

## denominations

### Mission Covenant Members Give $2,000,000 to Jubilee

DES MOINES, Ia.—Members of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America last year subscribed two million dollars to a diamond jubilee fund, it was announced at the denomination's mid-winter conference here.

Dr. Theodore W. Anderson of Chicago, who heads the 55,000-member denomination, said the 1957 emphasis on home missions is in preparation for the 1960 observance of the Church's 75th anniversary.

Rev. Joseph C. Danielson, Chicago, secretary of the Church and of its home missions, said the denomination has its greatest strength in the Chicago, Minneapolis, Los Angeles and Seattle areas. He said it hopes to expand in Florida, California and Canada.

Some 250 clergy and lay delegates attended the conference.

### Baptist Laymen Face Juvenile Delinquency

HOUSTON, Tex.—(RNS)—The Union Baptist Association here has completed training about 200 laymen who are participating in its program to combat juvenile delinquency.

Rev. C. W. Hawkes, the association's full-time juvenile program leader, said the laymen have been trained to look after the spiritual welfare of boys and girls who come to the attention of courts and other agencies here.

"We have no authority," he said. "Instead of authority, we give love."

The volunteers' duties are to see that the juvenile goes to church and works with his teachers and his probation officer. They also will help the youth with his problems, find employment for him, if necessary, and teach him a proper sense of values.

If the youth or his family needs medical, psychiatric or legal aid, a volunteer will direct them to the proper agency.

The volunteers will meet monthly for further guidance and training.

## Radio-TV

### NRB Head Replies to BFC:NCC Executive

CINCINNATI. — The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches held its annual meeting in New York City early in March. At that time wide publicity was given to a statement made by Dr. S. Franklin Mack, BFC executive director, as follows: "We have no desire to control religious broadcasting. Neither do we desire to get anybody off the air." Dr. Mack said further: "While the purchase or sale of time for religious broadcasting is not morally or ethically wrong it tends to become competitive and divisive" (*Action* March 15).

President James DeForest Murch of National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., replied to Dr. Mack as follows: "We are not calling in question the motives of the BFC:NCC whatever they may be. Undoubtedly these Council leaders are seeking what they believe to be the larger good. Nothing said or done at New York, however, changes the religious brodacasting situation which is:

"1. The BFC in March 6, 1956 adopted an official statement of policy opposing the principle of sale and purchase of time for religious broadcasts.

"2. The BFC for some purpose gave wide publicity to this statement of policy.

"3. The BFC called upon its constituent communions, councils of churches and councils of church women to use their influence to implement this policy.

"4. As a result of the adoption of this policy and its implementation at the national, regional and community levels many evangelical broadcasters who purchase time on the networks and local stations have been forced off the air. This situation still exists.

"We are driven to the conclusion that Dr. Mack made his recent statements in New York merely to allay criticism. The BFC:NCC has not changed one iota of its official policy and practice adopted a year ago. As long as this situation continues evangelicals must take every step possible to protect their rights."

## youth

### Teen-agers Seeking Alcohol Information

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Memberships in Allied Youth, the scientific alcohol education program for teen-

## LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● POPE PIUS XII received Vice President Richard M. Nixon on March 18. Never before had a vice president of the USA called on a pope of Rome. Mr. Nixon presented the personal felicitations of President Eisenhower. Asked whether the visited presaged the resumption of diplomatic relations between the USA and the Vatican, he replied, "I don't know," rather than "No."

● LINCOLN SQUARE slum clearance project in New York City (*Action*, February 1) was again in the limelight when Eastern Orthodox clergyman Rev. Gregory R. P. Adair charged discrimination in excluding his church from plans for the $228,000,000 development. Evangelicals should continue sending their protests to their congressmen.

● MINNESOTA SUNDAY SCHOOL workers will gather in St. Paul April 8-10 in the third annual convention of the MSSA. This strong state organization, affiliated with the National Sunday School Association, expects 3,000 delegates in attendance. Sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

● ELLWOOD A. VOLLER has been selected the new president of Roberts Wesleyan College.

● LATEST RADIO CASUALTY in the NCC's drive to eliminate paid religious time from American broadcasting stations is First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif. The church has purchased time over station KFAC for its programs for twenty-eight years. The church will protest to the Federal Communications Commission.

● RADIO CEYLON is eliminating Billy Graham's Hour of Decision because the evangelist made anti-Communist remarks in one of his sermons. Other Christian broadcasts are being eliminated from this government-operated station.

● EGYPT'S ANTI-CHRISTIAN policy is taking the form of large-scale intimidation of the 2,000 Christians in the Gaza Strip. The exodus of Christians and Jews from Cairo and other cities continues. It is estimated that 45,000 Jews have been forced out of Egypt since the current crisis began.

● SALVATION ARMY has a new television program, "The Living Word," which will be presented on local broadcasting stations throughout the USA and Canada beginning April 1.

● WEST VIRGINIA will not put the name of God in its State Constitution. A joint resolution to revise the preamble for this purpose approved unanimously by the House died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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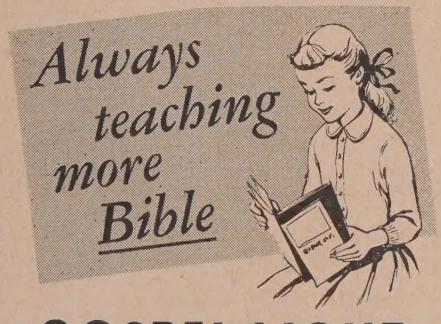


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# assemblies

## Holiness Denominations Gather at Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The person and work of the Holy Spirit will be a general theme honored by key speakers at the 89th Annual Convention of the National Holiness Association to be held at Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, April 23-26.

Traditionally scheduled the week after Easter, the Convention will draw together leaders and members of some fourteen denominations and other smaller groups that hold in common a belief in the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification.

Dr. Myron F. Boyd, Winona Lake, Ind., will preside at the business meetings and give his third address as president. Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, Minneapolis, executive secretary, will make his annual report.

On the opening day, two of the principal speakers will be Bishop J. Paul Taylor, Greenville, Ill., Free Methodist, and Dr. Harry S. Denman, Nashville, secretary of evangelism in the Methodist Church.

Other nationally known holiness preachers and Bible expositors who will take part in the program include: Dr. S. A. Witmer, Fort Wayne, Ind., Missionary Church leader; Dr. Charles A. Ries, chairman of theology at Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y.; Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Kansas City, a Nazarene general superintendent; Rev. William Burgess, Detroit, United Missionary Church; Dr. William H. Neff, Indianapolis, general superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church; Rev. G. C. Johnson, Columbus, general superintendent of Churches of Christ in Christian Union; Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor First Convenant Church of Minneapolis; and Dr. Paul P. Petticord, Portland, president National Association of Evangelicals.

On each of the four days, a part of the program will be taken up by workshops in seven areas of specialized interest. These will be missions, education, doctrine, Sunday Schools, evangelism, youth, and visual aids.

The Pentecost Sermon Contest winners will be announced at the Convention.

# press

## Zondervan Will Publish Distribute Sword Books

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Christian book publishing business of the Sword of the Lord Foundation is to be taken over by Zondervan Publishing House on April 1, according to a transaction now being completed between Pat and Bernie Zondervan of Zondervan Publishing House, and Dr. John R. Rice and Evangelist Walter Handford, president and vice-president of the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

Zondervan will publish and distribute to retail stores all the books now published by Sword of the Lord Foundation. The Sword of the Lord Foundation will continue publishing the Christian weekly, *The Sword of the Lord.*

# public affairs

## Official USA Figures Religions in Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The majority of the nation's lawmakers are Protestants. Methodists have the largest denominational group with 18 Senators and 87 Representatives.

The figures were reported by the Library of Congress which has completed the first official survey ever undertaken of the religious affiliation of members of Congress. Previously, their denominational affiliation was known only from official biographies in the Congressional Directory or their response to privately-sponsored polls.

The survey of the 85th Congress showed that Roman Catholics are second with 11 Senators and 84 Representatives. Presbyterians are third with 13 Senators and 55 Congressmen. Baptists follow closely with 67, of which 13 are in the Senate and 54 in the House. Episcopalians are in fifth


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Additional Protestant denominations represented in Congress are: Congregational Christian Churches, 29; Lutheran, 21; Disciples of Christ, 16.

Also Unitarian, five; Churches of Christ and the Reformed Church in America, four each; Society of Friends (Quakers), three; Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Church of Christ, Scientist, two each; and the Evangelical Free Church, one.

For the first time, a Hindu is serving in Congress, the Library of Congress reported. He is Rep. D. S. Saund (D.-Calif.). Congress also numbers 12 members of the Jewish faith and seven Mormons, the survey disclosed.

The Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, which compiled the report, said the project was undertaken in response to many requests, most of which came from members of Congress themselves.

A spokesman for the Library disclosed that four members of Congress declined to give a religious affiliation. They are Sen. William Langer (R.-N. D.); Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr. (R.-Mass.), the House minority leader; Rep. Morgan M. Moulder (D.-Mo.); and Rep. Russell W. Keeney (R.-Ill.). Another 20 designated themselves only as "Protestant."

## Third Airline Offers Reduced Clergy Fares

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A. S. Aldridge, vice-president of Central Airlines, announced that his company will file a petition with the Civil Aeronautics Board for reduced clergy fares within 30 days.

Central Airlines is the third company to offer reduced rates for clergymen. The other two are Bonanza Air Lines of Las Vegas, Nev., and Cordova Air Lines of Anchorage, Alaska.

Central Airlines serves Denver, Colorado Springs, Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Tulsa, Wichita, Joplin, Kansas City and St. Louis.

## Indiana Senate Kills R. C. School Bus Bill

INDIANAPOLIS—(RNS)—A bill to permit transportation of parochial school pupils in public school buses on a limited basis was killed by the Indiana Senate. The vote was 20-16.

It would have given township trustees in counties of less than 30,000 population the responsibility of providing transportation for parochial pupils.

Senator Robert L. Brokenburr (R.-Indianapolis), who led the opposition, contended the measure would "tend to obliterate the line" separating Church and State.

## Maine Supreme Court Gets School Bus Issue

AUGUSTA, Me.—(RNS)—The question of whether Augusta parochial school pupils are entitled to free bus transportation will be settled by the State Supreme Court.

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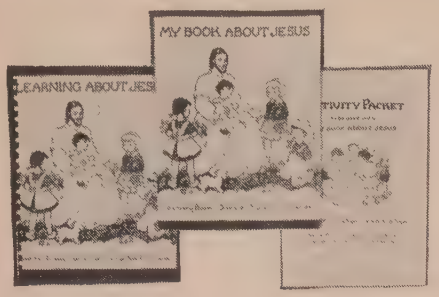


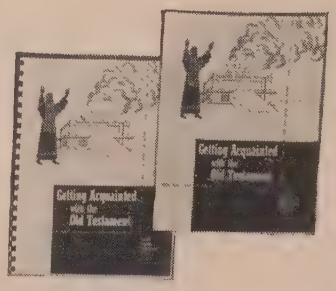


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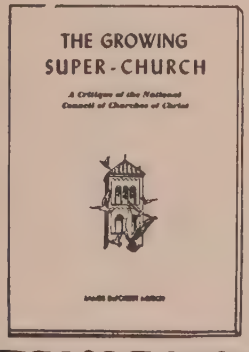


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### Prayer Meeting Ushers In Era of Prohibition

HOUSTON, Tex.—(RNS)—A prayer meeting ushered in prohibition at nearby Baytown.

Residents of a large suburban area voted by a narrow margin to halt the sale of beer and liquor. Among the communities in the area is Baytown, location of a big refinery and oil docks.

The prayer meeting was held in Baytown's Second Baptist church. The Rev. Paul Stephens, a leader in the local option campaign, presided.

# WORLD-WIDE

### Reports Dim Prospects For Soviet Zone Rally

BERLIN -- (RNS) — Prospects for holding the 1957 German Evangelical Church Day (DEKT) Congress in Erfurt, Soviet Zone, have become very dim, Dr. Reinhold von Thadden-Trieglaff, president of the German Protestant lay movement, disclosed here.

He reported that Soviet authorities had withheld permission for the rally and rejected his many requests for "clarifying talks."

"Even if permission were given now, there is hardly time enough to organize the congress," he said.

Plans for the Erfurt meeting were approved by the DEKT Presidium last November. In 1954, the congress convened in another Soviet Zone city, Leipzig, drawing more than 400,000 believers from all over Germany.

A permanent institution within the Evangelical Church in Germany, DEKT seeks to encourage laymen to participate in church and public affairs. It was organized in 1949 under Dr. von Thadden's leadership.

### Protestants Boycott Big Ghana Observance

ACCRA, Ghana—(R N S)—Protestant leaders boycotted a Ghana independence celebration here because it included a pagan rite during which a libation was poured on the ground as an offering to the gods.

The churchmen were Anglican Bishop Richard Roseveare of Accra; Rev. G. Thackray Eddy, Methodist Church leader; and Rev. E. Max Dodu, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana.

Three million of the 5,127,000 population of the new Negro nation are pagans. The libation rite was performed at a ceremony marking the arrival of the Duchess of Kent as the representative of the British Crown.

The three church leaders previously sent a letter to the Accra Municipal Council requesting that the libation rite be dropped from the program of welcome. They said it included "prayers addressed to gods in whose exist-

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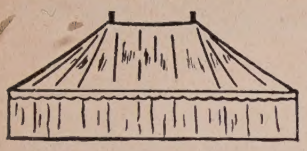

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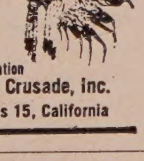

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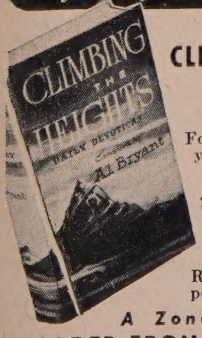


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## Primitive Methodists to Mark 150th Anniversary

LONDON—(RNS)—Week-long celebrations will be inaugurated in Britain on May 24 to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Primitive Methodism.

The main celebrations will center round Mow Cop, the hill on the borders of Cheshire and Staffordshire, where William Clowes held the first British Camp Meeting on May 31, 1807.

When the new method of winning souls by camp meetings and field preaching failed to gain the sympathy of the Methodist Conference, Hugh Bourne, Clowes and others separated from Wesleyan Methodists and this led to the formation of a new denomination, the Primitive Methodists.

The celebrations on May 24 will open with prayer meetings in the Mow Cop Methodist church which stands on the original camp meeting, and at the Jubilee Methodist church at Tunstall which occupies the site of the first Primitive Methodist church in the world. There also will be a meeting at the Burslem Methodist Mission, originally Swan Bank church, of which Hugh Bourne was a member.

The Primitive Methodists had grown to 220,000 communicants when, in 1932, they rejoined the Wesleyan Methodists and the United Methodists to form the present Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The British celebrations will be of special interest to American Methodists because of the mission sent to New York in 1829. The mission consisted of three men and a woman. Their work led to the formation of the Primitive Methodist Church, USA, which now has a membership of 12,166 and a Sunday school enrollment of close to 11,000.

## Half China's Christians Ignore "Red" Directives

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Half the Christians in China have refused to obey Communist government directives and are conducting their worship services in secret, Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China declared here.

He said the Chinese Christians who are permitted to communicate with the West are members of "show case" churches that the Communists maintain for propaganda purposes, while most Christian groups in China continue to feel severe persecution.

Ambassador Tong addressed a dinner commemorating the 155th anniversary of First Baptist church of Washington.

## New Atheism Drive In the Soviet Union

LONDON—(RNS)—Another all-out drive against "religious superstition" among young people is being launched in the Soviet Union the Moscow Radio reported.

The station said a decree has been published by the Central Committee

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of the Communist Youth League making it compulsory for all affiliated organizations "to step up and improve scientific atheistic propaganda among Soviet youth."

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Also recruited for the anti-religious campaign, the decree said, should be doctors, astronomers and engineers—"in fact, all who are capable of giving a convincing explanation about the anti-scientific essence of religion."

The Moscow Radio said the decree further stipulates that amateur dramatic societies must perform plays of "a scientific, atheistic and anti-religious nature."

It said the decree instructed Youth League groups to sponsor visits to anti-religious museums and scientific research institutes. In addition, it said, the order called for a nationwide campaign of lectures, film shows and debates in support of the anti-religious drive.

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**Oswald J. Smith,** pastor of Peoples church, Toronto, was guest speaker in the recent World Literature Crusade conventions in Southern California. As a result 85,000,000 souls will receive printed Gospel messages during the next year.

**Joseph W. Schmidt,** president of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb., addressed the Fourth Annual Sunday School Convention in Steinbach, Manitoba recently. The convention is sponsored by Steinbach Bible Institute.

**Robert F. Vasey** is the managing editor of *Missions Tomorrow,* a new bimonthly magazine being published by Clyde H. Dennis for the Christian Missionary Foundation.

**Richard A. Elvee** has resigned the presidency of Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minn.

**E. S. Woodring,** former bishop of the Evangelical Congregational Church (1926-34), passed to his reward in Harrisburg, Pa., a week after celebrating his 85th birthday.

**Martin P. Simon** celebrates in May the 20th anniversary of his editorship of *The Christian Parent,* the first Bible-based monthly magazine for Christian parents.

**Albert Ott** recently celebrated the 19th anniversary of his pastorate with Bethel Temple, Dallas, Tex. The church began in a small way but today has over 2,000 resident members and a Sunday School with an average attendance of 1,200.

**Robert Harkness,** Australian composer-pianist, is in Europe for a series of Gospel music programs under the auspices of British Youth for Christ.

**Kenneth Scott Latourette,** internationally honored church historian, recently delivered a series of lectures at Gordon College on "The Christian World Mission in a World Revolution."

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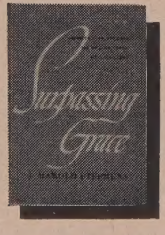


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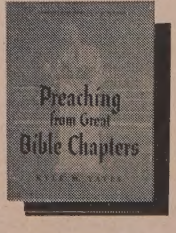


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